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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2001–02 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 388

Introduced by Assembly Member Strom-Martin

February 20, 2001

An act to add Article 9.5 (commencing with Section 590) to Chapter 3 of Part 1 of Division 1 of the Food and Agricultural Code, relating to specialty fiber crops.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 388, as amended, Strom-Martin. Specialty fiber crops.

Existing law provides for the University of California to conduct various studies, pilot demonstration projects, and programs designed to provide information and support to the Department of Food and Agriculture and California's agricultural community.

This bill would ~~provide, upon agreement by the regents, request that the University of California would~~ conduct an assessment of economic opportunities available through the production of specialty or

alternative fiber crops. This bill would ~~provide that the assessment be funded by moneys currently in the budget of the University of California, if available, and that request~~ the University of California to report its finding to the Legislature by January 1, 2004.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Article 9.5 (commencing with Section 950)
2 590) is added to Chapter 3 of Part 1 of Division 1 of the Food and
3 Agricultural Code, to read:

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5 Article 9.5. Specialty or Alternative Fiber Crops

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7 ~~950. (a) Upon agreement by the regents, the University of~~
8 ~~California shall~~

9 590. (a) *The University of California is requested to conduct*
10 *an assessment of economic opportunities available through the*
11 *production of specialty or alternative fiber crops including*
12 *industrial hemp, kenaf, and flax by extrapolating data on*
13 *productivity and production costs available from trials conducted*
14 *in other states and countries to California's conditions. The*
15 *assessment shall include, but not be limited to, the following:*

16 (1) An estimation of market demand and likely crop prices.

17 (2) Identification of potential barriers to profitability.

18 (3) Identification of production, processing, and marketing
19 issues that would ~~be~~ need to be addressed in future demonstration
20 research or pilot commercial trials.

21 (b) Not later than January 1, 2004, the University of California
22 ~~shall~~ *is requested to* report its findings to the Assembly Committee
23 on Agriculture, and the Senate Committee on Agriculture and
24 Water Resources.

25 ~~(c) The assessment shall be funded with moneys currently~~
26 ~~within the budget of the University of California, if available.~~